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SUBJECT: CSCE: INFORMATION - RADIO BROADCASTING
POLICY

REF: GENEVA 1912

1. FURTHER TO REFTEL, SOVIET BASKET III CHIEF DUBININ
GAVE US APRIL 10 FOLLOWING COUNTER-PROPOSAL TO TEXT ON
RADIO BROADCASTING WHICH WE PROVIDED HIM ON MARCH 18
(SOVIET ORAL TRANSLATION FROM RUSSIAN ORIGINAL).
BEGIN TEXT: THE PARTICIPATING STATES, NOTING THE WIDENING
OF THE DISSEMINATION OF RADIO INFORMATION, CONSIDER IT TO
BE NECESSARY THAT THE RADIO - TRANSMISSIONS DIRECTED TOWARD
OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES BE SUBJECT TO THE TASK OF
STRENGTHENING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLES, AND
CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE THAT THESE TRANSMISSIONS BE CARRIED
OUT IN THAT SPIRIT. END TEXT.

2. DUBININ SAID HE WAS UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT THIS TEXT
WOULD BE ANY MORE ACCEPTABLE TO US THAN OUR TEXT HAD BEEN
TO SOVIETS, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE BEST THING TO DO
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WOULD BE TO DROP THIS SUBJECT ENTIRELY. DUBININ ARGUED

THAT PRESENT SITUATION (NO JAMMING) IS FAVORABLE TO US,
BUT SOVIETS COULD NOT REPEAT NOT AGREE TO CONFIRMING IT
IN WRITING.

3. WE STRESSED TO DUBININ OUR STRONG INTEREST IN OBTAIN-
ING SOME LANGUAGE ON SUBJECT OF BROADCASTING IN CSCE
TEXTS, AND NOTED CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESS INTEREST IN
SUBJECT, AS SUGGESTED IN STATE 57244. WE SAID WE DID
NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE SOVIET TEXT WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS
AN IMPROVEMENT OVER EARLIER SOVIET VERSION (GENEVA 6344)
BUT ASSURED DUBININ THAT WE WOULD TRANSMIT IT TO WASHING-
TON.

4. NEW SOVIET TEXT IS ARGUABLY WORSE THAN THEIR EARLIER
PROPOSAL, AND THUS MAY INDICATE THAT SOVIETS DO NOT TAKE OUR
EFFORTS IN THIS AREA VERY SERIOUSLY, SINCE
THEY ARE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE THAT MANY WESTERN
COUNTRIES PREFER TO COVER ACCESS TO RADIO INFORMATION IN
SOME GENERAL PREAMBULAR FORMULATION. WE WOULD LIKE TO
GIVE DUBININ ANOTHER US PROPOSAL ON BROADCASTING ISSUE AT
AN EARLY DATE, IF POSSIBLE, TO DEMONSTRATE OUR SERIOUS
APPROACH TO THIS ISSUE. SINCE WE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK TEXT
WITH NATO CAUCUS FIRST, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY
FURTHER GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO GIVE US AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.

5. POSSIBLY HELPFUL DEVELOPMENT IN THIS RESPECT IS
THAT DUTCH DELEGATION HEAD IS WORKING ON AN ALTERNATIVE
PHRASE TO COVER BROADCASTING ISSUE AND HAS PROMISED TO
GIVE IT TO US SHORTLY. WE WILL TRANSMIT THIS TEXT WHEN
RECEIVED. ABRAMS

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